

REMARKS

STATUS SUMMARY

Claims 2-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 2-20 presently stand rejected.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 2-20 are rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,747,596.

In response, Applicants file herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c). In view of the Terminal Disclaimer, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 2-20 based on double patenting is now overcome, and request that this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance, and an early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

If any small matter should remain outstanding after the Patent Examiner has had an opportunity to review the above Remarks, the Patent Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned patent attorney in order to resolve these matters and avoid the issuance of another Official Action.

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Respectfully submitted,



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